

ZERO BASED REVIEW TECHNIQUES

I have initiated a system of a Zero Based Clearance Review technique to positively assure that cleared personnel actually need the accesses they hold. It demands a positive restatement by management officials of the rationale for each individual clearance held within areas under their jurisdiction. These statements are then reviewed by an impartial arbiter who confirms or denies the requirements with tasking officials as necessary. Our initial reviews utilizing this technique have resulted in significant reductions of access requirements. I envision continuation of this program and expect that it will serve as a vehicle for reducing the number of persons approved for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information.

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